

We claim:

1. A system for diagnostic testing comprising:
  - a carrier comprising
    - a first well,
    - a second well, and
    - a separator that permits the first well to be separated from the second well; and
    - a specimen-handling tool.
2. The system as claimed in claim 1, the specimen-handling tool being disposed about at least a portion of one of the first and/or second wells.
3. The system as claimed in claim 1 further comprising at least one plug disposed in at least one well.
4. The system as claimed in claim 1 further comprising an overlying member positioned adjacent to the carrier so that the overlying member is disposed over at least a portion of one of the first or second wells.
5. The system as claimed in claim 4 further comprising a plug disposed in at least one of the wells, the plug being attached to the overlying member so that, when the overlying member is removed from the carrier, the plug is removed from the well.
6. The system as claimed in claim 1, the specimen-handling tool comprising a pair of cooperating arms.
7. The system as claimed in claim 6, each arm of the specimen handling tool comprising a tip portion and a rear portion, the arms being joined to each other at their rear portions to form a joined end.

8. The system as claimed in claim 7, at least one tip portion being formed as a flat surface.

9. The system as claimed in claim 7, the joined end being formed to include a narrow projection.

10. The system as claimed in claim 6, each arm further comprising a rearward arcuate portion, a forward arcuate portion, and an intermediate arcuate portion, the intermediate arcuate portion being disposed between the rearward arcuate portion and the forward arcuate portion.

11. The system as claimed in claim 10, the arcuate portions being configured so that the area disposed between the pair of arms is substantially hourglass in shape.

12. The system as claimed in claim 1 further comprising indicia disposed on the carrier.

13. The system as claimed in claim 1, at least one of the wells having a frustoconical configuration.

14. The system as claimed in claim 1, the separator comprising at least one perforation.

15. The system as claimed in claim 1, the separator comprising a plurality of perforations.

16. The system as claimed in claim 1, the separator comprising a depression.

17. The system as claimed in claim 1, the separator comprising a indentation.

18. A diagnostic system comprising:

a carrier comprising a first well, a second well, a cavity, and means for separating the first well from the second well; and

a specimen-handling tool adapted to manipulate a specimen, the specimen-handling tool being adapted to fit within the cavity of the carrier.

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19. The diagnostic system as claimed in claim 18, the cavity being configured so that the specimen-handling tool is disposed about at least a portion of one of the first or second wells.

10 20. The diagnostic system as claimed in claim 18, further comprising at least one plug disposed one of the first and/or second wells.

15 21. The diagnostic system as claimed in claim 18, further comprising an overlying member positioned adjacent to the carrier so that the overlying member is disposed over at least a portion of one of the first and/or second wells.

20 22. The system as claimed in claim 21 further comprising a plug disposed in at least one of the wells, the plug being attached to the overlying member so that, when the overlying member is removed from the carrier, the plug is removed from the well.

23. The diagnostic system as claimed in claim 21, the overlying member being disposed over at least a portion of the cavity.

25 24. The diagnostic system as claimed in claim 18 further comprising indicia disposed on the carrier.

25. The diagnostic system as claimed in claim 18, the specimen-handling tool comprising a pair of cooperating arms.

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26. The diagnostic system as claimed in claim 25, each arm of the specimen handling tool comprising a tip portion and a rear portion, the arms being joined to each other at their rear portions to form a joined end.